

# THE FARMER LEADS

### THIRTY-NINE PER CENT OF PEOPLE LIVE ON FARMS.

#### Twelfth Census Discloses Some Interesting Statistics—Professionals Only Comprise 2.5 Per Cent of Total Population—Manufacturing Trades Follow the Farmers With Highest Percentage—Fourteen Per Cent in Domestic Service.

The director of the census has made public a report on occupations of citizens of the United States, as collected by 53,000 enumerators of the census bureau, says the Chicago Chronicle.

The report was prepared by William C. Hunt, chief statistician for population, assisted by Dr. Joseph A. Hill and William S. Rossiter of the division of publications. The publication is profusely illustrated with maps and diagrams, prepared in the geographical division under the direction of Charles S. Sloane, acting geographer.

The report shows that over 39 per cent of the persons employed in gainful occupations in the United States, which consists of that part of the United States on the continent of North America south of the Canadian boundary, and therefore excludes Alaska, Hawaii and the military and naval stations abroad.

#### 80 Per Cent of Males Employed.

In continental United States the total number of persons engaged in gainful occupations in 1900 was 29,973,233, which was one-half, 50.2 per cent of the population 10 years of age and over, and nearly two-fifths, 38.3 per cent of the entire population. Of this number, 23,753,836 were males and 5,319,397 were females.

The males gainfully employed constituted 80 per cent, or four-fifths of the male population 10 years of age and over, and 61.2 per cent, or more than three-fifths, of the total of the male population.

The females gainfully employed constituted 18.8 per cent of the female population 10 years of age and over, and 14.3 per cent of the total female population.

In the classification for the 12th census there were 303 specified occupations, or 140 occupation groups. These were classified under the five main heads, showing as follows, with the percentage of the population employed therein:

Thirty-nine and six-tenths per cent were engaged in agricultural pursuits 24.3 per cent in manufacturing and mechanical pursuits, 17.9 per cent in trade and transportation, 14.7 per cent in domestic and personal service and 2.5 per cent in professional service.

#### DRY-LAND ALFALFA.

#### Experiments at Pullman Have Been Highly Successful.

The experiments in the production of alfalfa on unirrigated lands have been in progress at the Agricultural experiment station at Pullman for several years and are so far advanced as to justify an unqualified recommendation so far as the greater portion of the "Palouse country" is concerned, and regions of similar soil and rainfall.

At the outset it may be well to say that there is no difference, botanically, between "dry-land" alfalfa, so called, and the ordinary alfalfa raised under irrigation. The difference is merely in the conditions under which the seed has been bred for a longer or shorter period.

Results are not such as to justify us in recommending that great attention be paid to the question as to whether the seed was produced on irrigated or unirrigated land.

If seed can be secured from alfalfa grown on unirrigated lands, well and good; if not do not hesitate to sow the other. Personally I believe that a good deal of seed has been sold as "Turkistan" alfalfa which is merely the ordinary seed.

The experiments here at the station have covered a period of 10 years. A field of five acres sown in 1893 was left in alfalfa for 10 years and yielded a paying crop each year.

During many of the 10 years two crops were cut, the second being usually a little over a ton per acre. When no second crop was cut a good amount of pasturage was secured.—E. A. Bryan, Experiment Station, Pullman, Wash.

#### PYTHIANS MEET.

#### Supreme Grand Lodge in Session at Louisville.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 12.—The gathering of Knights of Pythias in this

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city next week will be the greatest event in the history of Louisville secret societies. The occasion for this gathering is the meeting of the supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias, which will last two weeks.

In connection with the supreme lodge meeting will be the encampment of the uniform rank, the prize drills and other features which combine to make the gathering one of the most brilliant and attractive of the kind held in this country. The Pythian Sisterhood will also be in session during the week and the dramatic order, Knights of Khorassan will also be here.

The hotel proprietors and local railroad officials say that from all indications the visitors will number fully 75,000. The city is being decorated as never before.

The grand parade of the encampment will take place on Tuesday, in which all the members of the supreme lodge will take part, and promises to be the finest display this city has ever seen. Numerous receptions and other events have been planned for the entertainment of the knights and their ladies during the encampment.

#### WHY WINE FIRST TO HOST.

#### In America a Mere Formality, But in Italy a Real Necessity.

The wine was opened dextrously by the waiter, who before serving the guests poured a few drops into the host's glass.

"Why did this waiter give you a little wine before helping the rest of us?" asked a man of curious mind.

"Oh," said the host, "that's always done."

"I know it's always done. That does not answer my question, though. Here, waiter," the man persisted, "you tell me why when you open a bottle of wine you pour a few drops into the host's glass before serving the guests?"

The waiter smiled and answered: "It's a matter of form, sir; an old custom, a politeness. Its origin lies in the fact that after the removal of the cork there might be left in the neck of the bottle a little dust or a few specks of cork. The first drops poured out would in that event contain the dust of the cork, and thus the guest were he served first might get this refuse; hence the host is given the first drops."

"As a matter of fact, if you know how to open wine you have no difficulty in keeping the bottle's neck clean. The custom, therefore, is a formality in America. In Italy, though, it is a real necessity, for over there they pour a little oil in the necks of their bottles of native wine before corking on the ground that this makes the wine air tight. No doubt it does, but it also in some cases gives to the first glass from the bottle a decidedly oily flavor. Therefore the first glass the host gallantly takes."—Philadelphia Record.

#### ALWAYS BE SANGUINE.

#### Keep to the Highways and Shun the Back Alleys of Life.

Keep to the broad highways of hope and cheerfulness. Expect to succeed. Think success, and you will succeed. Keep out of the back alleys of gloom and pessimism. Join the procession of the cheerful, the willing and the hopeful. Be sanguine. Know the pleasures of living. Enjoy the sunshine of hope.

Keep away from the scavengers and raggickers who infest the back alleys of life. Your pessimist is your scavenger, your raggicker. He may be a necessary evil, a boil as it were on the body social, but too much of him is fatal. He never gave the world a smile. He never contributed to the good cheer of any human being. He never lifted the gloom from any distressed soul. He is the antithesis of progress. He is the pollywog which in the evolution of life is continually dragging backward toward the slimy past, resisting the progress of development which must go on with or without him.

Beware of the encroachments of the carping, pessimistic spirit. It is a hardy plant. It takes root easily in the mind, and like the thistle, when once it gains a foothold it is well nigh impossible to uproot it, but it cannot live in an atmosphere of sunshine and cheerfulness. Therefore, keep to the highways. Keep out of the back alleys.—Exchange.

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HAPPY DAYS.

# FRIENDS' SOCIETY

### BIENNIAL CONFERENCE HELD AT TORONTO.

#### Several Hundred Delegates Now in Attendance at the Quakers' Conference—Distinguished Members of the Church Discussing School Questions and Methods of Teaching.

Toronto, Ont., Aug. 12.—It was a distinguished assemblage that filled Massey Music hall this morning at the opening of the great biennial General Conference of the Seven Yearly Meetings of the Society of Friends.

Those present numbered several hundred men and women and represented in the fullest sense of the word the religious and educational activities of the Society of Friends in the United States and Canada. Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York sent the largest number of visitors, though Ohio, Indiana and states farther west were likewise well represented.

Schools and methods of teaching was the general subject considered at the opening session. Herbert P. Warth of West Chester, Pa., presided, and the speakers included William G. Brown of Toronto, Mary H. Whitson of Philadelphia and Edward R. Rawson of New York.

The formal opening of the gathering takes place tonight when a big welcoming demonstration will be held with Dr. O. Edward Janner of Baltimore presiding. The delegates and visitors will be greeted by Mayor Urquhart of Toronto, Premier Ross of Ontario and Professor Goldwin Smith of Toronto University. John William Graham, Master of Dalton School of Manchester, England, will deliver an address on "The Friend and His Message."

#### BURNING THE YULE LOG.

#### The Custom One of Ancient Origin—The Yule Candle.

The custom of burning a large log of wood which is known as the Yule log is very ancient in its origin. All through the middle ages every farmhouse, cottage and castle in England burned its Yule log upon the hearth, the log being dragged in with much ceremony.

At Yuletide when the great log flamed in chimneypiece and laugh and jest went round.

The word "Yule" itself seems to be derived from the Anglo-Saxon "Geol," meaning December. Earlier still the Yule, or midwinter, feast is seen in its most flourishing state among the Norsemen, who commemorated the fiery sun wheel with a mighty feast. They believed that during the twelve nights from Dec. 25 to Jan. 6 they could trace the actual movements of their great Odin, or Odhinn, the god of storms, and other deified beings on the earth. The Yule log, with its cheery blaze, comes to us across the centuries as a dim memory of the fires lit to celebrate the setting out of the sun on his northward journey toward the light and warmth of summer.

A large candle known as the Yule candle used also to light the Christmas eve festivities. It was a bad omen if the candle burned out before the evening was at an end.—Detroit Free Press.

#### National Encampment Grand Army of the Republic, Boston, Mass., August 15th-20th, 1904.

#### Knights of Pythias National Encampment, Louisville, Ky., August 15th, 1904.

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From now until November 4th we will take new subscriptions sent in by our subscribers and to the one who guesses nearest to the vote received by the winning presidential candidate in this state, we will give one-half of all the money received from this contest.

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